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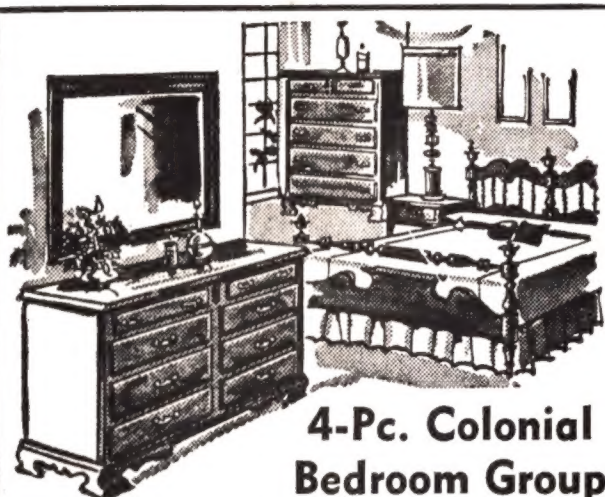
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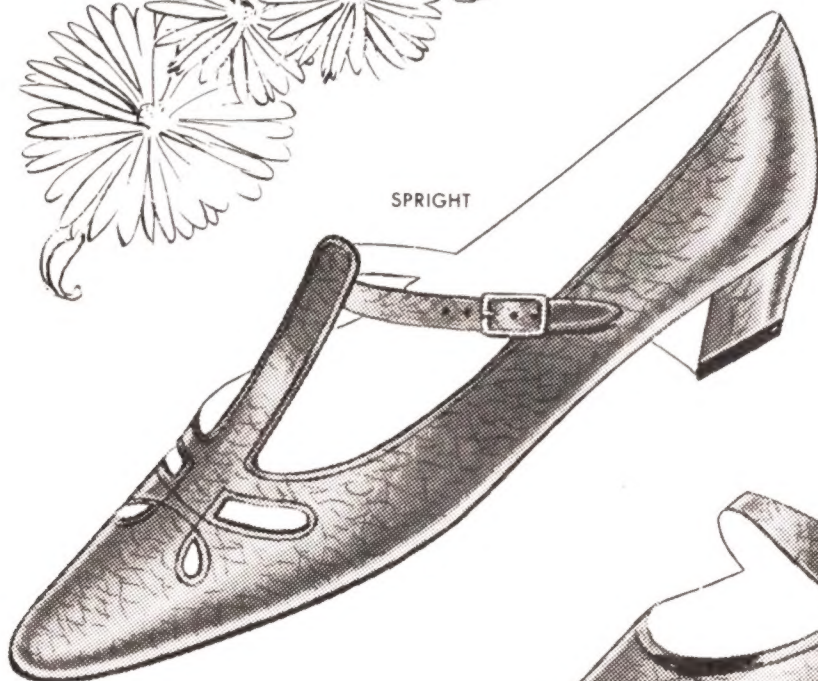
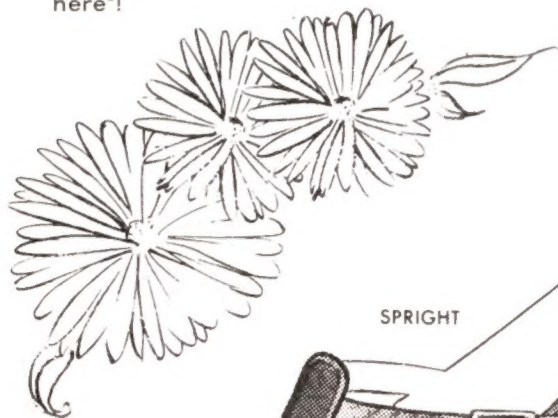
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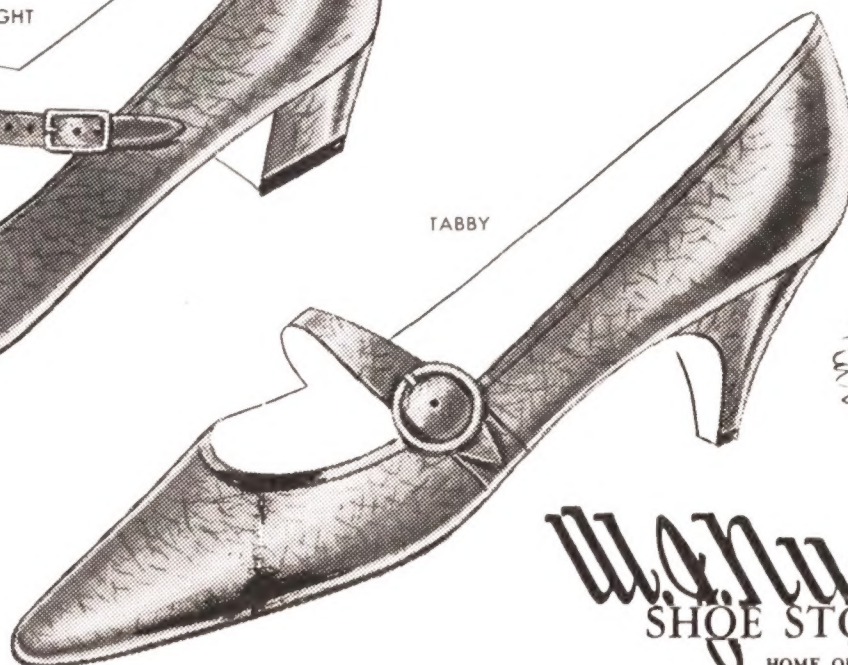
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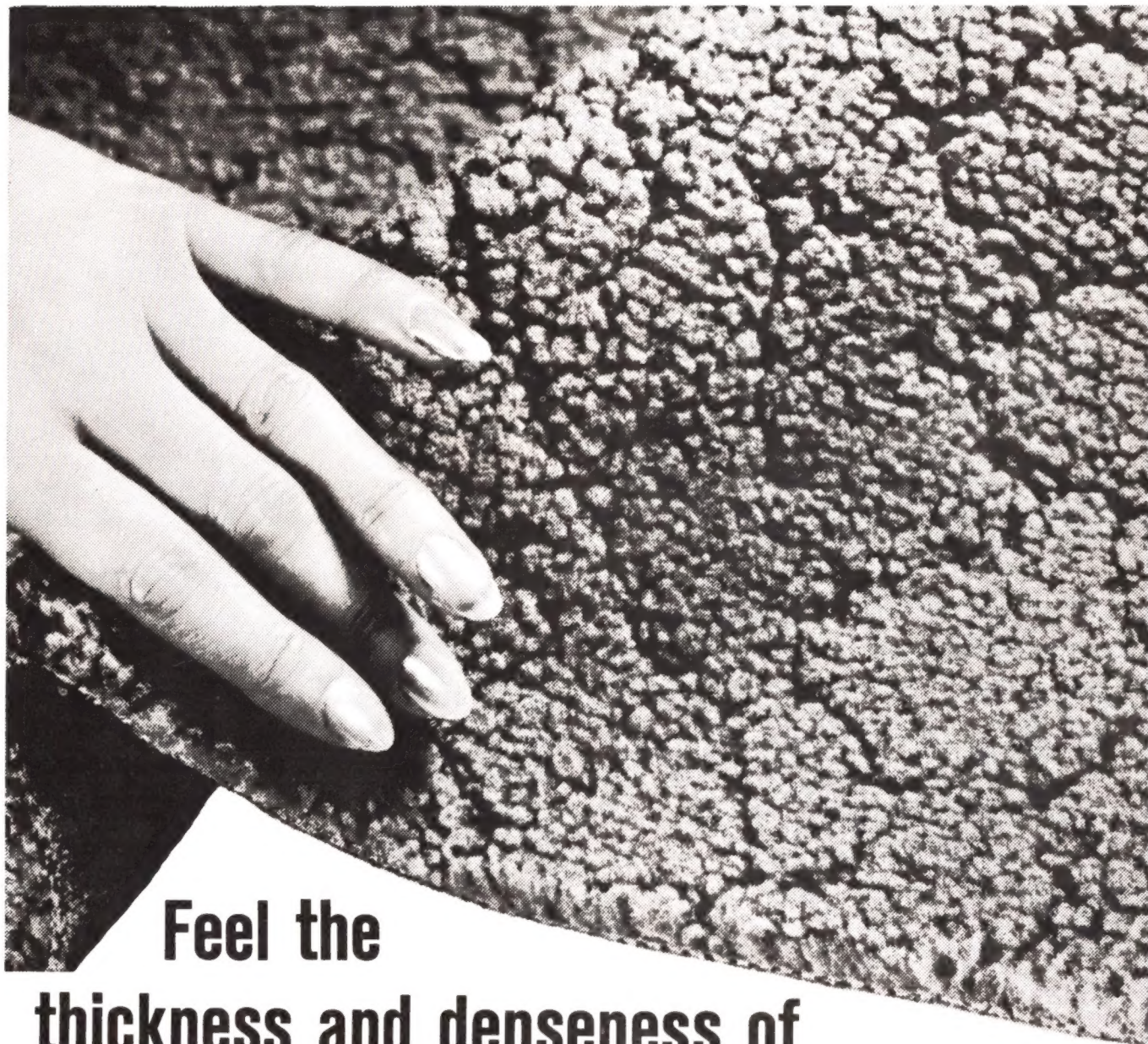


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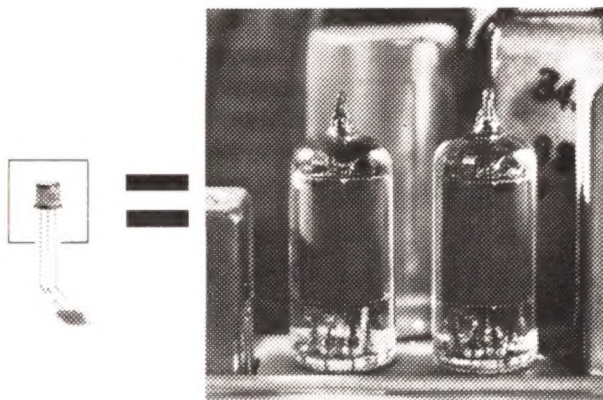
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A number of beautiful old homes in this lovely old town will be on view during the tour which is being held in honor of Yardley's 284th anniversary. Tickets for the tour will be available at all houses. For further information, you may call HY 3-3944 or HY 3-4765. All moneys received will be used for restoration purposes.

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THE RIGHT TIME

For several years we have been stopping in antique shops and going to the shows with the thought that we might come across a clock we liked. We didn't think the steeple design would fit in our location; we didn't want a noisy one; we wanted a pleasant chime — but not one which would wake us up every hour. Finally, we didn't want one badly enough to pay the \$50 or more which seemed to be the going rate. We "discovered" one at a most reasonable price at Mildred Blumhardt's place in Huntingdon Valley. She had had her son refinish the pine case and Matthew Cummings had made it operational. It is a simple rectangle with a peak top, evenly divided into two circles, the top one for the face, the bottom for a painted glass with some water fountains (the Fountain of Youth?) painted in gold. Two bulls-eye circle carvings fill out the empty spots in the rectangle. It has two keys, one to open the full-length door, the other to wind the two springs. The label gives the manufacturer as *E. Ingraham & Co., Bristol, Conn.*, sometime after the patent date of 1864.

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Then put in the key and turn until the clock is wound up or until it will turn no longer. Should the clock by any means strike wrong, it may be made to strike right by raising the small wire under the ball, and repeating the operation until it does strike right.

Directions for regulating the Clock.

Adjust it by means of the pendulum. If the Clock should run fast, lower the pendulum. If it runs slowly, raise it.

And this one tells us it is working. It goes toc-toc (not tic-toc).

Well, there you have it. Isn't that much simpler than plugging it in? Well, anyway, it's more self-reliant than counting on the Philadelphia Electric Company to keep its 60 cycle two phase current synchronized hourly with signals from NAA at the Naval Observatory in Washington (How do *they* know, anyhow? Was it checked against their new atomic intervalometer?). We can always reset ours on a sunny day from a neighbor's sundial.

We've discovered one slight difficulty. The chime — very pleasant, but running night and day — strikes exactly one minute after the hour. So we have the problem: Shall we be content with a retarded strike, or shall

we set the hands to run a minute fast? Perhaps we should drop a note to E. Ingraham in Bristol or to Herman Christ and enquire. After all, it is *Warranted Superior*. And, on reflection, we wonder how many articles manufactured in 1966 will operate as satisfactorily in 2066? Obviously this treasure was made p.p.o. (prior to planned obsolescence)!

THE IMAGE MAN

A few years ago a mimeograph machine broke down at the office. Instead of fixing it we got a small offset duplicator. One thing led to another and now we have facilities for doing everything in printing and publishing, except make our own paper. *Everything* includes inside-out binding equipment (It uses infra-red rays to dry the newly stuck up books from the inside out), a miniature process camera that takes up a whole room (The full-size models take up two rooms!), a computerized type-setter, plate-maker facilities, and a press to replace the duplicator which started it all. For a while we took on the job of editing a national magazine, and more recently we took up publishing *Panorama*.

So we are suckers for any material about printing, publishing, public relations, etc. The Sunday *New York Times* kept nudging us about a new book, *Biography of an Idea*, by Edward L. Bernays, published by Simon

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What has happened to our national morals?

* An educator speaks out in favor of free love.

* A man of God condones sexual excursions by unmarried adults.

* Movies sell sex as a commercial commodity.

* Book stores and cigar stands peddle pornography.

* A high court labels yesterday's smut as today's literature.

* Record shops feature albums displaying nudes and near nudes.

* Night clubs stage shows that would have shocked a smoker audience a generation ago.

* TV shows and TV commercials pour out a flood of sick, sadistic, and suggestive sex situations.

* A campaign is launched to bring acceptance to homosexuality.

* Radio broadcasts present discussions for and against promiscuity.

* Magazines and newspapers publish pictures and articles that flagrantly violate the bounds of good taste.

* Four letter words once heard only in barroom brawls now appear in publications of general distribution.

* Birth control counsel is urged for high school girls.

Look around you. These things are happening in your America. In the two decades since the end of World War II we have seen our national standards of morality lowered again and again.

We have seen a steady erosion of past principles of decency and good taste.

And — we have harvested a whirlwind. As our standards have lowered, our crime levels and social problems have increased.

Today, we have a higher percentage of our youth in jail . . . in reformatories . . . on probation and in trouble than ever before.

Study the statistics on illegitimate births . . . on broken marriages . . . on juvenile crimes . . . on school drop-outs . . . on sex deviation . . . on dope addiction . . . on high school marriages . . . on crimes of passion.

The figures are higher than ever. And going higher.

Parents, police authorities, educators and thoughtful citizens in all walks of life are deeply disturbed.

They should be. For they are responsible. We of the older generation are responsible.

Our youngsters are no better and no worse than we were at the same age. Generally, they are wiser. But — they have more temptations than we had. They have more cars. They have more money. They have more opportunities for getting into trouble.

We opened doors to them that were denied to us. We encouraged permissiveness. We indulged them. We granted maximum freedoms. And we asked for a minimum in respect . . . and in responsibility.

Rules and regulations that prevailed for generations as sane and sensible guides for personal conduct were reduced or removed. Or ignored.

Prayer was banned from the school-room and the traditional school books that taught moral precepts as well as reading were replaced with the inane banalities of "Dick and Jane."

Basically, there are just two main streams of religious thought in these United States. Those who believe in a Supreme Being. And those who do not.

The first group far outnumbers the second. But — this nation that was founded on the democratic concept of 'majority rule' now denies the positive rights of many to protect the negative rights of a few.

As prayer went out of the classroom so, too, did patriotism.

No longer are our children encouraged to take pride in our nation's great and glorious past.

Heroes are down-graded. The role played by the United States in raising the hearts and hopes of all enslaved peoples for a century and a half is minimized.

We believe this is wrong. We are convinced that a majority of our citizens would welcome an increase in patriotism and prayer and a decrease in the peddling of sex, sensationalism, materialism, and sordidness.

In the months ahead we will intensify our efforts to fight back against the appalling vulgarization of sex.

We do not propose prudery. Neither do we propose wild-eyed, fanatical patriotism.

In both areas, we propose to address ourselves to the problems as we see them with calm reason and respect for the rights of those with views contrary to ours.

Our test will be our own standards of good taste. We do not claim infallibility. Readers have felt we erred in the past. Others will undoubtedly feel we do so in the future. Such errors of excess — if they occur — will be in spite of our efforts. Not because of them.

If the general public is as deeply disturbed as we are by the decline in national morals and in national pride, let it speak out.

Together we can put down the sex peddlers without lifting the bluenoses. And, with God's help, we can put prayer and patriotism back in our classrooms. And in our hearts and homes, as well.



Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown, where "A" Day (pictured below), an annual agricultural and science show, will be held on April 30th and May 1st.

**THIS
IS
BUCKS
COUNTY**



Court Inn

by Majorie E. Alliger



*Photo by Cameracraft Shop
Court Inn built in 1733 and completely reconstructed.
(Photo courtesy of the Bucks County Historical-Tourist
Commission.)*

Follow Centre Avenue east for one short block from State Street in Newtown, Pennsylvania, and you will find the sturdy little building known as Court Inn or Thornton's Tavern. This recently restored bit of past history has been sitting sedately on the corner of Court Street since it was first built by Joseph Thornton in 1733. It is located on part of a tract of five acres originally purchased from John Walley on July 17, 1725 for the improbable sum of twelve pounds five shillings.

Joseph Thornton ran a tavern here until his death in 1754. His widow, Margaret Thornton, continued to operate the business for some years afterward. Her name appears on an original manuscript, kept in the Museum Room on the second floor of the building, recording the persons recommended by the Court of Quarter Session of the County of Bucks at June term 1776 "to keep Public Houses of Entertainment."

In 1791 the inn was sold to Josias Ferguson who enlarged the property and maintained the hostelry until 1800. Since that time the building has been successively used either for a business or a private residence. Eventually, the property came into the possession of Mr. Robert L. LaRue who, in turn, presented it to the Newtown Historical Association. Following his death, his wife, Ruth, has had it tastefully restored in his memory.

The name of Court Inn was given to the tavern because of the court buildings erected diagonally across the street. Because of its proximity and genial hospitality it became a natural gathering place for members of the legal profession and their friends.

The front wall of the inn is of Flemish bond — a pattern of brick with alternating stretchers and headers. The stretchers are of familiar red brick, but the headers have a high black glaze. In the 18th century, brick was more expensive than stone and the Flemish bond pattern with the black glazed headers was considered more decorative and attracted more attention. Many of the old dwellings in the Society Hill section of Philadelphia used this same design.

The brown stone with which the rest of the house is made came from quarries in Newtown. The steps are of the same stone. An unusual iron foot scraper is attached to the iron railing on the left.

The pent roof with the shake shingles is attractive as well as authentic.

According to the well-known Dr. Raymond V. Hennessy, who has been indefatigable in the restoration, the gaslight on Centre Avenue was reproduced by Mr. George Auerbach of Doylestown, but it is mounted on an original Newtown gaslight post. The door on this side of the building, with original hardware, was formerly a door from the nearby Temperance House.

A tiny herb garden is planted in back of the house, adjoining the white frame kitchen which was added in 1901. The huge half of a mill stone mounted in concrete in the yard came from the Worstall tannery on Court Street and is thought to be about 250 years old.

As you open the panelled front door, you step into the Tavern Room which has an exposed oak beam, a huge original fireplace, and a splendid reproduction of a Wicket bar. An interesting tavern chandelier of wood and metal with six candle lights, casts a gentle glow as darkness falls.

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Photo by Ron Amey
The museum room — note the charming fireplace.



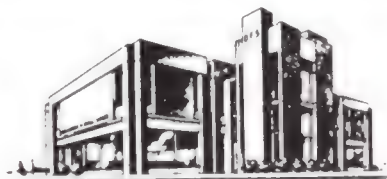
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One of the hostesses, Mrs. John Galloway, awaits visitors in the Tavern Room.



Photo by Ron Amey
The bedroom.

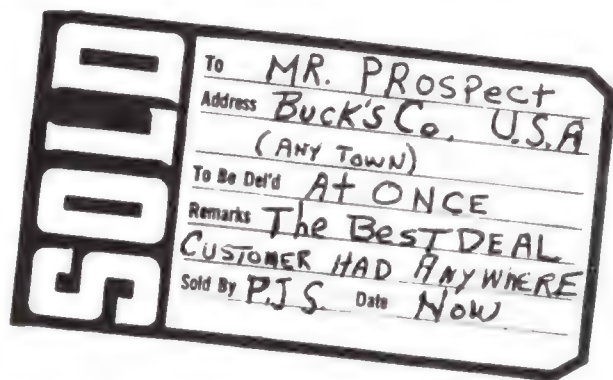


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Rambling with Russ

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REPORTER'S DIARY, APRIL, 1926
[40 Years Gone By]

ORE SHIPPED from the New Galena lead mine to Balbach Smelters, according to Mine Manager Heise, was valued at \$120 a ton. The shaft was sunk to a depth of 125 feet . . . ELY'S Men's Store in Doylestown advertised Spring top coats at \$25, \$28, and \$30, and nearby Schuyler & Bowers Store advertised Easter specials on Hart Schaffner & Marx and Style-plus suits for men at \$25 and \$45 . . . ALMAR GROCERY in Doylestown offered an Easter special — legs of lamb at 38 cents per pound.

DOYLESTOWN ROTARIANS staged a side-splitting April Fool program at the Doylestown Inn. The show, prepared by Oscar O. Bean, Art Eastburn, and Joe Conroy, featured songs by "The Dairy Maid Sextette." These lovely singers, all wives of Rotarians, when unmasked, were found to be Mrs. Carlile Hobensack, Mrs. Wesley Bunting, Mrs. Oscar O. Bean, Mrs. C. Louis Siegler, Mrs. Webster Achey, and Mrs. Joseph J. Conroy. Mrs. Conroy and Mrs. Achey dressed as milkmaids and, singing like grand opera stars, made a big hit with their premier effort, a song to the tune of "Reuben, Reuben, I've Been Thinking."

NICK POWER was elected President of the Athletic Association and Ray [Germany] Wodock was elected Field Manager of the Doylestown baseball team in the Montgomery County League when the association held its annual meeting in the Doylestown Armory. Other officers elected were A. Newlin Hellyer, Vice-President; Stan Haldeman, Secretary; Ray Axenroth, Treasurer. Elected to the Board of Governors were Charles Radeliff, Sid Stuckert, Jimmy Fretz, Joe Steelman, Charlie Myer, Dan Atkinson, and John Rohr. Others elected to office were; Russ Thomas, Publicity Director; Abe Kentopp,

Property Manager; Fent Case, Assistant Property Manager; Pete Carney, Transportation Manager.

THE NEW STRAND THEATRE in Doylestown advertised two big features, Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes," John Gilbert and Mae Murray in "The Merry Widow" . . . Under pretense of an Easter party, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. LaRue entertained the Sunshine Class of the First Baptist Church at their home in Doylestown when the engagement of their daughter Mabel to Paul L. Hoffman of New Britain was announced.

TO SPEND an Easter vacation on a 1300-mile trip with an expenditure of less than \$2.00 in hard cash was the unique experience of a former Doylestown High graduate, JIMMY MICHENER, then a scholarship student at Swarthmore College. I remember writing an account of the trip and how Jim, now world-famous, hiked from Swarthmore to Atlanta, Georgia, and back in search of further knowledge for his college debating team.

THE DOYLESTOWN Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt was held on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Vanartsdalen with 300 boys and girls participating. First prize for boys went to BILLY POWER, aged 8, declared champion with 20 eggs. Second prize went to Russell Maylor, 11, with 13 eggs. Two girls, Bessie

Fonder, 12, and Katherine Miller, 12, also won prizes.

JUDGE WILLIAM C. RYAN granted a preliminary injunction in the Bucks County Court against the strikers at the Chipman Knitting Company plant in Quakertown . . . Alice, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lippincott of Doylestown, astonished an audience of faculty, friends, and students at the William Penn High School in Philadelphia with her piano recital.

THIS ADVERTISEMENT appeared in Central Bucks newspapers April 10, 1926: "Because there has been such an unusually large approval of loans, and as there will be a series of shares maturing for \$63,000 within a few months, the Doylestown Building and Loan Association has decided to make no additional loans until August, 1926, when the maturing 9th Issue is paid off."

J. HARRY HOFFMAN was re-elected Superintendent of Schools of Bucks County for a term of four years when he received all of the 125 votes . . . Sheriff Abram L. Kulp sold the Hermitage Country Club in Warrington Township for \$10,500 to the Liberty Title and Trust Company of Philadelphia . . . 1,000 white pine trees were planted at Fonthill, Doylestown, as part of the National Forestry Week celebration. A total of 33 persons, including 20 Boy Scouts, did the planting.

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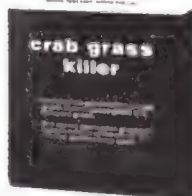
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THE YWCA IN BUCKS

April brings National YWCA week, and here in Bucks County the YWCA has developed programs and services as varied and unusual as the people it serves. From the Headquarters in the Community House in Langhorne, the YWCA of Bucks County is chartered by the National YWCA to conduct activities anywhere in the County. This charter, one of the first of its kind in the country, gives the YWCA a decentralized organization with program centers in eight areas of the county.

Because program in the YWCA is person-centered and meets the needs and interests both of the individual and of the group, activities vary from center to center. The Newtown Center, which meets at the Friends Meeting House on Court Street, has morning and afternoon classes in Creative Thinking, Advanced Bridge, Art, Cooking with a Gourmet Touch, Lampshade Making, and Spanish — as well as a Garden Forum and a Pot Pourri Group which features travel talks, discussions, and variety programs.

The Hampton Program Center, which meets at the Churchville Reformed Church, has a unique 15-week course in Braille. Members must produce a 50 page manuscript which is forwarded to the Library of Congress in Washington for approval. When the manuscript is approved the transcriber becomes certified and then goes on to do volunteer work for the Philadelphia Association for the Blind. Last month the Southampton Lions Club presented two Braille writers (the costly machines used to transcribe articles into Braille) to the Hampton Program Center. The teacher volunteers her time to the class, and many handicapped young people are able to complete college work because of the dedication of the group.

Hampton offers many other programs and courses, as does the Croyden Center, which meets in the old Croyden School; the Pennsbury-Falls Center, which meets in the Big Oak Moravian Church in Yardley; and the Warminster Center, which meets at the United Church of Christ on Street Road in Warminster. In addition to the usual courses for developing the arts or learning new skills and crafts, there are sessions titled "Extra-sensory Perception;" and courses in hypnotism and judo.

The Bristol Program is thriving with an "Astro-Jet" group of one hundred children between the ages of six

and eleven who meet in the Bristol Township Community Center in Bristol Terrace. Although this community has all of the problems common to low income areas, is racially mixed, and is isolated from surrounding communities by the Pennsylvania Turnpike, a large lake and a six lane highway, the Y-Wives program has completed service projects that would have been difficult for an experienced group of middle income women. They sponsored a program on "Housing" attended by seventy people, put on a fashion show, completely renovated the kitchen in the Community Center, served a luncheon at the Langhorne building to 120 people using surplus foods and inexpensive recipes, studied voter registration, held a World Fellowship Dinner with foreign guests, are working on cancer dressings, and managed to send members to three-day YWCA conferences in other areas.

Money is not the most important factor in supplying Y programs; concerned and dedicated volunteers accomplish most in the county association. Programs at Bristol Terrace include the Nursery, Library and "Astro Jets," all of which are completely staffed by volunteers under YWCA sponsorship.

The Warminster Heights program (formerly Lacey Park) meets in two rental units at 40 and 51 Downey Drive. These Y-Teens clubs have been recognized in the national YWCA magazine, *The Bookshelf*, for their community service as library aides, for conducting a pre-school story hour, and for helping at the Well-Child Clinic conducted by the Bucks County Department of Health. The Library, Nursery, and Y-Wives Programs have been growing and provide significant services to the residents of the community.

In Langhorne, at the Community House, there is a varied program including Art for Children on Saturdays and Rhythms for Women during the week. The Senior Fellowship Program meets in the Langhorne Methodist Church Community Room during the mornings and afternoons, and in the Community House in the evening. Bus tours to places like the Philadelphia Art Museum and the Henry Du Pont Museum near Wilmington, Delaware, leave from the Langhorne building.

Today the Bucks County YWCA has over 1,500 members with board committees on Program, Finance, Personnel, Membership, Public Relations, Ways and Means, Progress



and Development, World Fellowship, and Public Affairs. This last committee is planning a seminar on "Women and Use of Women Power" in the fall; workshops will include the subjects of politics, work, continuing education, creative use of leisure time, church, international affairs, and community development.

Women today face challenges and opportunities that never existed before. The YWCA provides experiences to bring the people of the area together across whatever barriers separate them. It accepts a girl or woman, whoever she may be, and helps her to grow as a person, a worker, a wife, a mother, and a leader.

The YWCA National Convention outlined the objectives of the Y Program this way: "To help those who participate to be fully themselves; to understand themselves and to develop their full potentialities. To relate constructively to others at home and abroad. To work with others to build a community and world in which all people have the basic essentials for life and are able to live in self-respect, human dignity, and freedom." The YWCA of Bucks County is working toward these objectives in a vital and realistic way.



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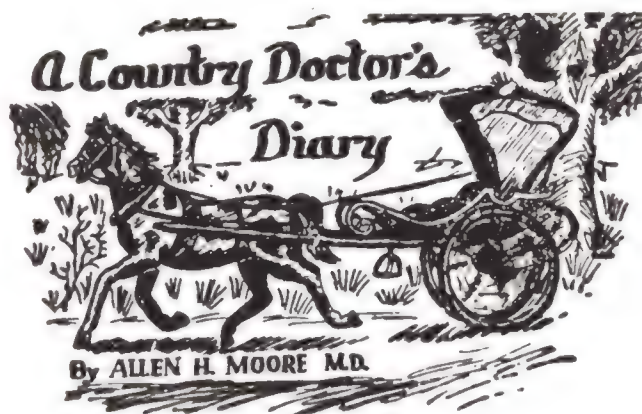
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TURN OF THE CENTURY BOY

The young boy of the early 1900's was not exactly a museum piece, but surely his life contained more facets than does the big Hope Diamond. His composite picture has never been quite unearthed, yet it was as direct as the morning dew upon a blade of grass. He was in the midst of the Spanish-American War excitement, but he didn't let it bother him to any great extent. He heard that the battleship Maine had been blown up and sunk, but why should he get too upset?

This boy knew the cooling, soothing effect of sand and mud pressing between his toes. He pulled water-melons and cantaloupes from the vine. He plugged them first to test their sun-ripe, red sweetness, but it wasn't long before he could thump the best melon in the patch and pull a good one. The only real concern of the times, as far as this youngster was concerned, was to escape the buckshot from the gun of the irate farmer who happened to own the melons.

Was there a swimming hole within walking distance that he didn't know about? And didn't he know exactly when the pond lilies were in bloom? A challenge to a boy of that day was serious business. What do you mean when you say that he couldn't gather fifty to one hundred bluebells in an afternoon? "I'll just show you, mister, that I am not afraid of snakes, swamps, leaky rowboats or wildcats. Those bluebells are almost impossible to get, but, shucks, I'll snatch a bunch from the mud before you can say Jack Robinson."

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Gateway to the Past

BY

BOB HEUCKEROTH



WHO DID IT ?

Doylestown had taken on the appearance of an armed camp that June of 1832. Fourteen full companies of troops marched into the town. A short time later these men paraded the two hot miles to the Almsfarm, now known as Edison. The sun was beating down on the green fields. Occasionally a soldier could be seen wiping an arm across a sweated brow or stamping the dust from his boots. Men women, even children, were hurrying along the narrow, dusty road to the field where ten thousand persons had already gathered. All the animals and birds had taken flight. Children were laughing and shouting to one another; women were chattering gaily as the anticipated moment approached.

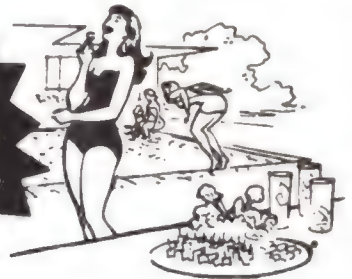
Presently a horse-drawn Dearborn wagon emerged from the crowd. Armed guards surrounded the wagon which carried the sheriff, a priest, and a small handsome Spaniard who maintained complete indifference to the persons milling around him. Nonchalantly he stooped over to flick dust from his boots. Mounting the scaffold, he chatted with the priest, then placed the noose around his own neck, waved to the crowd, and was jerked into eternity. What was the crime that Lino Mino had committed? Why was he being hung?

About a year before, in the Spring of 1831, Lino had knocked on the door of Doctor William Chapman's house in Andalusia. Dr. Chapman was a respected head of a famous school for stutterers. His wife, Lucretia, was known by her neighbors as a friendly, dignified woman, and above all, an excellent mother. Everyone liked her.

Lino asked the doctor if he could lodge there. He offered the large sum of \$2,000 a year for room and board.

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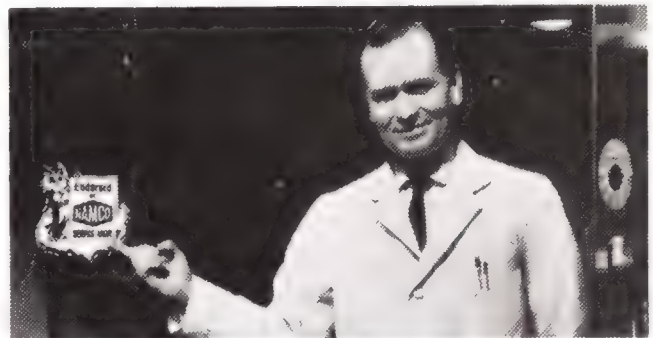
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BOOKS IN REVIEW

THE AMERICAN HEALTH SCANDAL — by Roul Tunley. Harper and Row. \$4.95

Jessica Mitford, author of *The American Way of Death*, says that she found this book fascinating reading. We would agree, but are not quite sure that Roul Tunley's "shocking revelations about the state of American medical care will surely arouse people to anger and action." Most of his "scandals" concern private hospitals as contrasted with non-profit or public hospitals; much of his anger is directed against the A.M.A.; many of his "revelations" consist of statistics comparing our vast country with its many diverse population components with statistics from small European nations with monochrome social and economic groupings.

A free-lance reporter without specialized medical background, Mr. Tunley admittedly writes from the viewpoint of the patient. We agree with his contention that the middle-class patient sometimes discovers the inadequacy of his medical insurance and that the poor frequently suffer from the

inaccessability [rather than the unavailability] of some needed medical service. But the author paints too black a picture with too broad a brush. And he stumps a bit too much for group medicine, lay-controlled hospitals, and legislation to end "Robin Hood" customs.

The author feels that the American public has been brainwashed by the A.M.A. He feels that "socialized medicine" represents no real threat. He cites military medicine for proof. We spent two years as an officer on the staff of military hospitals during WWII, living with the doctors while being primarily concerned for the welfare of the patients. Our experience — with notable exceptions, of course — was that the quality of medical service deteriorated substantially with the distance from the combat zones, where it was very high indeed. Perhaps it was only more dramatically dedicated in those circumstances and more visibly effective. But our personal occasional experience in the rear echelons and training areas was that enlisted men and their dependents could have been better served by almost any other sys-

tem. That soured us on socialized medicine, as did a trip to England when their version was having its growing pains.

However, Mr. Tunley makes out a very good case for compulsory medical insurance, and the chapter on Germany is worth the price of the book. There, with absolutely free choice of doctors there is the disadvantage of virtually no group or team medicine, which might tend to weed out the incompetent or marginally qualified physician. There is also the tendency to over-use medical service, since there is no deductible fee or three or four day cushion before full benefits are available. Thus hospital vacations are a problem. But not only is Germany's medical system, free to the patient, yet with free enterprise preserved for the physician, of interest, so are the author's comments about their overall social security system and provisions for the aged.

Certainly the health of America is vitally important. And perhaps we need the stimulus of a controversial book such as this one to cause us to study ways in which we can improve medical service. But we suggest you read it when you think you are well or you might suspect your friendly and probably highly competent and dedicated man in white is Robin Hood, and you may die from sheer terror!

SOME DOVES AND PYTHONS by Sumner Locke Elliot. Harper and Row. \$4.95.

This is a thin, almost plotless story of Tabitha Wane, a literary and theatrical agent who spends her weekends hard at work in her country place doing the same job she works at in her office — manipulating people. The jacket blurb says that only outwardly is the book concerned with her manipulation of careers. On another level, "it searches the quandary of a professional woman who, in trying to maintain her emotional balance among today's upside down values, faces the crisis of self-discovery." There is much of the former and very little of the latter. We found the style a bit slow-moving at first, and then the frothy and superficial



Sumner Locke Elliot (left), author of Some Doves and Pythons, and Roul Tunley, author of The American Health Scandal at an autograph party honoring Mr. Elliot. Held at the charming New Delaware Bookshop, New Hope, the party was very well attended.

dialogue and descriptive material became increasingly and annoyingly precious as the satire progressed. The world is probably full of shallow and pointless people like the characters in this novel. Perhaps some of them will get to read the novel and see their own image as in an unexpected mirror. But, we fear, the satire is a little too subtle, a little too boring, a little too pointless, for them to get the point.

WILLIAM PENN — Founder of Pennsylvania by Ronald Syme. William Morrow and Company New York. \$2.95

Writing books for children must be a difficult task. Some balance must be maintained between the need to write simply and the need to give no false impressions which will require later revision. This author is apparently responsible for a dozen more biographies of historical personages. We are appalled at how badly he has butchered history in this one. He distorts the character of Charles I and Charles II and

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- 1-30 NEW HOPE — Delaware Canal Mule Drawn Barge Rides. Daily except Monday. 1-3, 4:30 & 6 p.m.
- 2 DOYLESTOWN — Die Fledermaus, Academy of Vocal Arts, Lenape Junior High School Auditorium. Matinee 1:15 p.m. Route 202 west of Doylestown.
- 9 HOLICONG — Horse Show, Academy of Vocal Arts, Elm Grove Farm, Route 202. All day from 8:30 a.m.
- 13 LANGHORNE — Annual Concert, Tri County Band. Neshaminy High School Auditorium. Old Lincoln Highway.
- 14-15-16 DOYLESTOWN — Antique Show, Bucks County Antique Dealers Association. The Armory, Shewell Ave. 12 noon-10 p.m., Thurs. & Fri. Sat., noon to 6 p.m. [luncheon available].
- 15-30 NEW HOPE — Lenteboden "Living Catalogue Display of Early Daffodils and Tulips," River Rd., Route 32.
- 15-May 8 NEW HOPE — Exhibit, Parry Barn. 1-5 daily except Monday. Sat., evening. Admission .50, children .25.
- 16 LANGHORNE — "Miss Bucks County Pageant Finals," Neshaminy High School. Old Lincoln Highway. 8 p.m.
- 17 LANGHORNE — 150 Mile Late Model Stock Car Race.
- 16-17 ERWINNA — Sculpture Exhibit — Charles Rudy. Stover Mill, River Road, Route 32. 2-5 p.m. [Tinicum Civic Association].
- 23-24 May 1 YARDLEY — 10th Annual Art Show, Yardley Artist Association. Community Center, 64 S. Main Street. Monday through Sunday, 1:30-5 p.m.
- 20-30 SOUTHAMPTON — Concert, Warminster Symphony Society, 8 p.m. Eugene Klinger Junior High School, Second Street Pike. Conductor J. T. Purpura.
- 22 DOYLESTOWN — Dedication and Open House, Nursing Care Buildings, Neshaminy Manor Home, 3 miles south of Doylestown, 1 p.m. Guided tour until 4 p.m.
- 23 DOYLESTOWN — Concert, Bucks County Symphony Society Orchestra. Lenape Junior High School, Route 202 west of Doylestown. 8:30 p.m.
- 30 YARDLEY — "Open House Tour," Colonial Yardley Historical Association.
- 30 LEVITTOWN — Concert, Mixed Chorus, Beethoven Maennerchor of Allentown. Piano Concerto, James Faulkner, Pianist. Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra. Woodrow Wilson High School, Green Lane and Mill Creek Parkway. 8:30 p.m.
- 30 NEW HOPE — Opening Performance, Bucks County Playhouse.
- 30-May 1 DOYLESTOWN — "A" Day, Delaware Valley College Route 202 west of Doylestown. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday noon to 5 p.m.
- 30-May 7 LANGHORNE — "Remains to be Seen," Langhorne Players. The Barn. Bridgeton Pike. 8:30 p.m.

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"Pappa says that if I am a good boy he will get my first long pants next Saturday. Sam Short got his long pants a month ago, but his pappa is rich, you know. My Uncle John says that when Pappa buys my long pants he is going to give me a necktie free. Think of It! There will be a watch pocket with a button flap. If Pappa can afford it he will buy me a brand-new pair of high-top button shoes. Some of the fellows have 'vici kid' shoes, but they are the real sports of the town.

"I asked Santa Claus to bring me a bicycle for Christmas, but he said not for a year or so." Do you remember the joy of riding your very first bicycle? Mine had a curved handlebar with a bell on it. And wasn't it wonderful to ride around the block at twilight just to show the other kids how the blazing new bicycle lamp shone?

There were many joys for the youngster of the 1900's, and not the least among them was the newly acquired one-dollar Ingersoll watch. It fitted exactly in the new flap pocket in your long pants. You were almost insulted if someone failed to ask you the time of day.

This fellow played first base on the West End team, and his batting average was right up there near the top. It was really something to be proud of. The thing that bothered this busy composite youngster — he always had to saw up some wood and fill the wood box on the back porch before leaving for the school lot to play ball. But the other boys had to do the same thing, so why worry about it?

Life was simple in those days and there were many compensations. We didn't have to worry about our bikes being stolen. If we lost our new watch the chances were that someone would find it and return it tomorrow. We didn't have to be fearful of drag races in those days. There were only two automobiles in the whole county, and they did not venture far — the roads were pretty sorry, you know.

Church picnics were annual events. A boat trip down to Riverside Park was the thrill of a lifetime. Did you ever see such food in all of your life? Your little tummy took a terrific beating, but Mamma could give the slickest tablespoonful of castor oil of anyone I knew. It made little difference whether you had eaten cake, pie, and lemonade at the picnic or had inadvertently chomped down too many green apples — it was all the same to Mamma.

RAMBLING WITH RUSS

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BUCKS COUNTY Republicans, led by a group that really understood what they were doing, endorsed the GOP ticket of Pepper-Fisher-Smith-Woodward at a luncheon meeting in the Doylestown Armory catered by **BRASHEARS** of Doylestown [an annual custom]. Attorney Howard I. James of Bristol was Chairman and Oscar O. Bean was made Secretary-Treasurer. The speaker was GOP Bucks leader, Joseph H. Grundy.

DR. CARMON ROSS, Superintendent of Doylestown Schools, headed a party of 61 senior class members and friends on the annual Senior Class Trip to Washington with seniors from Langhorne, Hatfield, and Blooming Glen also taking part.

J. CARROLL MOLLOY was elected President of the Doylestown Rotary Club on the occasion of the club's second anniversary. . . . Only 47 couples applied for marriage licenses in Bucks County in April, 1926, which was considered a very poor showing.

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APRIL THIS YEAR: The Kiwanis Club of Doylestown will be 41 years old on Monday, April 26. . . . Early in the spring of 1925 a group of Doylestownians including Isaac J. Vanartsdalen, first President; the Rev. John L. Hady, Howard Schuyler, Ira C. Shaw, James B. Cotton, and Horace B. High, met with Field Representative Joseph L. Bowles, Jr., of Kiwanis International, and organized.

SPRING IS HERE once again and one of the big events of the month will be the annual Spring Banquet and Dance of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Inc., at the Warrington Country Club at 7 p.m. and at \$7.50 per person.

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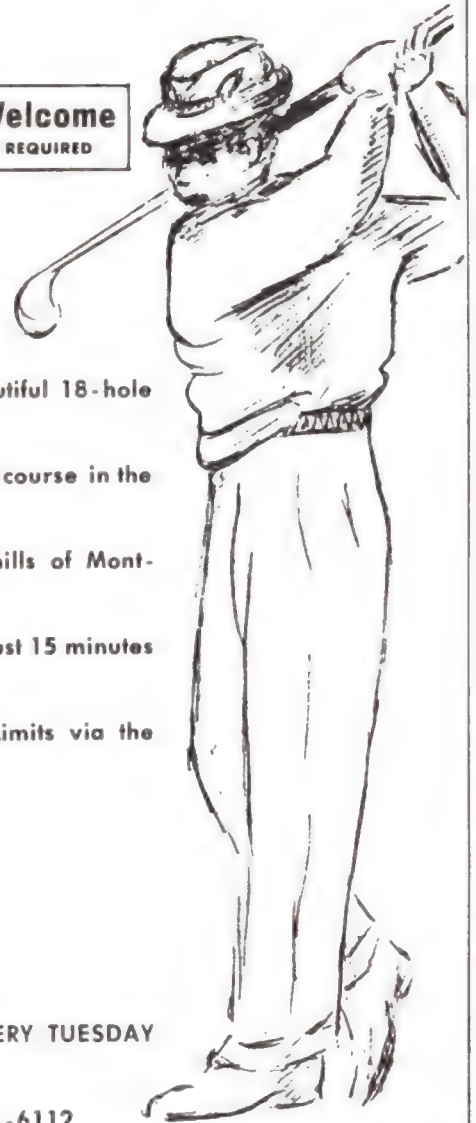
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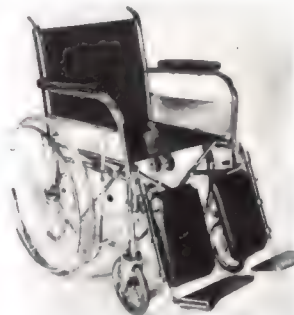
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WHO DID IT?

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From the moment that Lino stepped into the Chapman house, Lucretia changed. She neglected her duties and openly quarreled with her husband when he tried to interfere with her infatuation with the 22 year old Spaniard.

A short time later Dr. Chapman was dead! He was quickly buried after Lucretia explained that haste was necessary due to the hot May weather.

Two weeks later Lucretia and Lino were married, but the bridegroom vanished only two days after the ceremony. This strange series of events caused the local authorities to become suspicious and Dr. Chapman's body was exhumed and an autopsy performed. There was then no doubt. The good doctor had been murdered! His body was filled with arsenic.

As soon as Lino had disappeared, Lucretia became the injured wife. She and her first husband, Dr. Chapman, had felt compassion for the young man who was alone in a strange country. They had fed and sheltered him. She had married Lino only because he had made her realize that her children needed a father. She was horrified to learn that he had murdered her husband! She could hardly believe it!

Lino was found and brought back to Doylestown. He and Lucretia were charged with murder, but Lucretia had done such a good job of masquerading as the innocent victim, that she was acquitted, while Lino was convicted and sentenced to hang on June 21, 1832.

After the trial, and after Lino's death, evidence was discovered which revealed that Lucretia was not the naive housewife her friends had believed. For some time she had been a member of a gang of counterfeiters and the authorities admitted that they had been ready to move in on her about the time she was charged for murder.

While in jail Lino had written a book which was later published. Many persons, after reading it, began to suspect that they had been too hasty in hanging him. Perhaps Lino was telling the truth when he said that Lucretia had killed her husband. At the trial he had told how he had met Lucretia on the Philadelphia-Trenton boat. After a few days together, they had become close friends. It was she who had suggested that he come to Andalusia.

Following Lino's disappearance, the search for him was facilitated by the fact that his name had appeared in a Washington, D. C., newspaper. It seems he had reported a street robbery to the police, hardly the action

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of a wanted man! In Boston, where he was apprehended, he had signed his own name to the hotel register.

After Lino's hanging, a doctor came forward to tell how Mrs. Chapman had questioned him in detail concerning arsenic and its effect.

Many people believed that justice had miscarried, but, under the law, Lucretia could not be tried for the same crime again.

This friendly, dignified woman who was above all, an excellent mother, deserted her children and joined a troop of traveling actors. Tradition says that she died shortly thereafter and was buried in an unmarked grave in a southern state.

Hear Bob Heuckeroth on WBUX Radio 1570
Tuesday, 1:35 p.m. — Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

At the Doylestown Country Club

To spearhead the spring membership drive at the Doylestown Country Club a decorating committee has been selected. Headed by Mrs. Herbert Martin, the committee includes Mrs. Fred Lutz, Mrs. Wells Denney, and Mrs. Edward Ennis.

The committee's plans include the redecorating of the formal dining room in the club house. It also hopes to convert the sun porch to a card room.

Plans are also underway for making an attractive cocktail lounge where members can socialize before one of Manager John Carey's gourmet buffets.

Prints Offered

Four watercolor prints from original artwork by the Bucks County artist Ranulph Bye will be offered to Reading Company off-peak patrons by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). The prints, depicting four different scenes along Reading's passenger lines, will be available beginning the first week in April for \$1.50, plus the purchase of 10 bargain tickets on any Reading line. The prints, which are 18 inches high by 24 inches wide, are suitable for framing.

The artist, whose family settled in Bucks County in the late 17th Century, is represented in many public and private collections in the country and is the recipient of numerous awards.

Among the prints being offered is one of the 77-year old New Hope station and one of the Chalfont bridge erected across Neshaminy in 1896.

Lovely Carol Ann Prischmann has been selected as one of the finalists in the competition for the title of Mrs. Pennsylvania.

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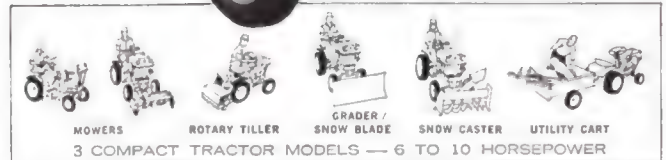
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The wide board floors of the inn have the special warmth of beautiful red pine. The door latches and all other hardware throughout the building are original, except the handsome box lock on the front door. The strap hinges on this door are fastened with handmade nails with leather washers. These washers were placed between the head of the nail and the wood to allow



The Tavern Room at Court Inn.

for expansion and contraction due to changes of temperature. Most of the hinges on the inside doors are H or HL.

Crossing the hall you enter the Common Room with its welcoming fireplace framed by the original mantle and a very old fireback which was uncovered during the restoration. The heavy iron latch used on the outside door here, came from an old door in the attic.

The easy to climb worn stairs lead to the Museum Room on the second floor. It was formerly the ballroom, an important part of all old taverns. The brick fireplace is notable because of the rounded corners and head high shelf where a collection of early tools is displayed. The Bucks County andirons are typical of those made during the 1700's. They are of iron, rather low with a curved top, conceivably forged by a local blacksmith. Covered by glass at eyelevel is a section of wall from which the plaster has been removed to show the lath construction of the old building.

In the bedroom directly across the hall is the original chair rail which served as a pattern for the restoration of the other rooms throughout the building. There also will be found, hanging in the closet on wooden pegs, a few quaint garments worn by children of long ago.

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and Schuster at \$12.95. We weren't on the favored list to receive a review copy, so we got our local library to order one from the State Library at Harrisburg. Mr. Bernays virtually invented public relations in America. From a publicity agent for plays in New York he became counsel for some of our largest corporations, changing his own image while he changed theirs. As a book it is overly long and repetitious. Three times he tells the story of how Edward Bok insisted on having the skirts of Nijinsky's ballet dancers lowered below the knees before running pictures in the *Ladies Home Journal*. But many such folksy stories of publishing dot the book.

We were particularly impressed with his estimate of William Randolph Hearst, for whom he worked briefly. "Hearst rarely injected himself in his magazine's affairs; they were self-contained ventures better left in the hands of highly competent business managers and editors whom he had enticed away from competitors by offering them more money than they could afford to turn down. The Hearst philosophy of publishing, I learned, was the purchase of paper at so much per pound and selling it to advertisers at so many more cents per pound. . ."

FREEDOM OF THE PURIENT

Congratulations to the Supreme Court for upholding the conviction of Ralph Ginzburg for the publishing of salacious and obscene material. The court recognized the possible art value of the material. It took cognizance of the evidence, however, that his publication, *Eros*, was promoted and advertised in such a way as to indicate that his *purpose* was to cater to purience rather than art. This is a novelty in jurisprudence — at least as far as the recent decisions of the Supreme Court are concerned. We are obtaining the complete text of the decision and may comment on some of the details in the next issue. Meanwhile, we reprint, in this issue, an editorial from the *San Francisco Examiner* which indicates the substance of our own policy on this matter. We are not Puritans; we do not believe in a press that is limited, even in the matter of good taste — we think the advertisers will eventually take care of publishers who pander to pornographic markets. But we are glad that the contention that deliberately pornographic publishing is criminal has been sustained.

UPDATED JIGSAW

A friend over whom we used to have supervisory responsibility was promoted several months ago. I think he has been waiting all this time for a clever way to get even with his former boss. He did. At the end of a pleasant dinner party at his new home, he presented us with a gift — a genuine computer jigsaw puzzle. Made by *Springbok*, it is circular in shape, about 20" in diameter, and beautifully printed in a rainbow color

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IDIOT BOX

A couple heard us comment in a speech that one of the travesties of our times is that we use our ingenuity to devise purposeless gadgets such as idiot boxes and "The Thing." When the couple moved away recently, they gave us a homemade version as a present. It is really a lovely thing — really lovely! It is made of aluminum, about four by six by eight inches. On the face there are ten panel lamps which blink in random sequence, at a rate varying from 33 to 72 per minute. There is no way to turn it off, so it makes a nice night light for insomniacs, an egg-timer for rotten eggs, a money counter for people with unlimited funds, a decoy for fireflies, etc. But, since it will keep going on its

present batteries for two years, it hurts our sensibilities not to give it a name and a purpose. So, we will send five dollars to the reader who suggests the best name for it or the best thing to do with it. Contest closes April 15th. Send your entry to *Easy as Pied*, Panorama Magazine, 354 N. Main St., Doylestown, Pa., 18901.

COURT INN [continued from page 26]

Another exhibit worthwhile exploring is found in the upstairs hall. Hanging on the wall is a heavy 18th century batten pine door with oak frame and strap hinges. Originally it was an outside door leading to the cellar. When the wooden bolt is drawn and the door swings open a fascinating and carefully arranged collection of old hardware can be seen.

Adding to the pleasure of a visit to this early tavern are the charming hostesses. Dressed in becoming colonial gowns they smilingly answer your questions while showing you the treasures of the old inn. They even serve you tea and cookies before a cheery, crackling open fire! I was fortunate to have the gracious assistance of Mrs. Rebecca Welsh, Mrs. Walter Lefferts and Mrs. Donald Walter. These ladies generously give their Sunday afternoons from 2 until 5 o'clock when the Court Inn holds open house, and you can step back into history.



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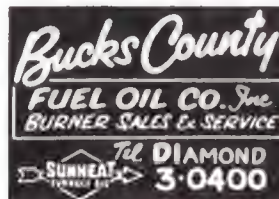
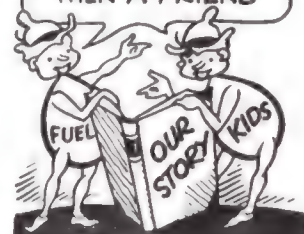
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BOOKS IN REVIEW

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mocks the nature of religious controversy in England during Penn's boyhood. He does no one of the parties any justice when he says "In matters of belief the Quakers were not very different from followers of the Church of England or Protestants."

As for William Penn, he is fairly pictured. But his accomplishments in Pennsylvania receive less attention than his problems in England. The walking purchase is ignored and the really tremendous innovations of the Assembly receive only a half-page. The illustrations by William Stobbs are excellent.

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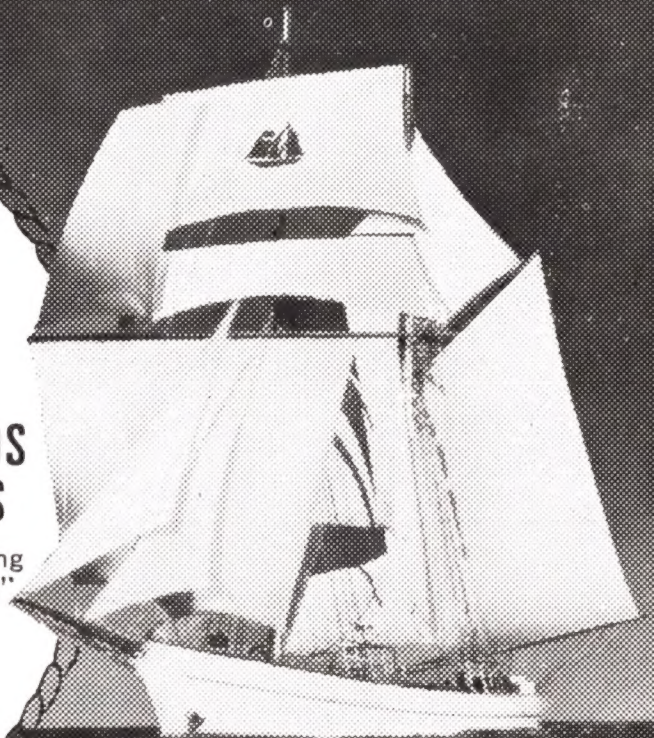
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